

Glen Canyon National Recreation Area

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Project Scoping

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Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Uplake Development Concept Plan / Environmental Assessment

In December 2003, the National Park Service initiated work on a Development Concept Plan (DCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for Bullfrog, Halls Crossing, and Hite marina areas. The DCPs for these areas were approved almost 20 years ago and an update is needed due to the changing lake conditions and the age of various lake facilities. This DCP will address lake access issues during fluctuating lake levels and evaluate visitor services, infrastructure, and facility needs. The new DCP is intended to guide future development for the next 15+ years. The EA will evaluate potential impacts to the environment from the DCP alternatives in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act.

Background

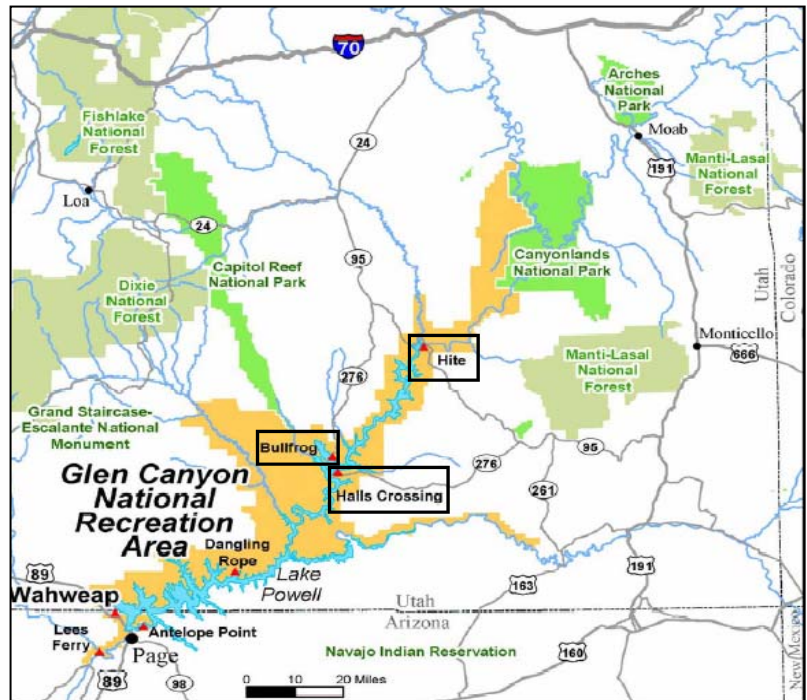
Bullfrog, Halls Crossing, and Hite developed areas lie on the northern end of Lake Powell in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (NRA). Bullfrog lies in Kane and Garfield Counties, Utah, while Halls Crossing and Hite lie in San Juan County, Utah. Bullfrog is the largest marina on the northern portion of Lake Powell and Hite is the northernmost marina on the lake. The Hite marina is unique in that it services both lake and river boaters. For purposes of the DCP/EA, the Hite developed area consists of Hite, Farley Canyon, White Canyon, and Blue Notch Canyon.

Facilities and services found at all three areas at traditional lake levels include ranger stations, wet and dry boat storage, employee housing, boat and car fuel stations, post offices, boat repair facilities, visitor centers, boat rentals, launch ramps, campgrounds, public rental units (housekeeping units), sanitary waste pump-out and disposal stations, and emergency medical response.

Additional facilities at Bullfrog include a hotel, food service, a snack bar facility, grocery store, firehouse, and ferry service to Halls Crossing. Primitive, developed, and shoreline camping are available at Bullfrog.

Additional facilities available at Halls Crossing include a floating store, snack bar, and ferry service to Bullfrog. Only developed camping is available at Halls Crossing.

Primitive and shoreline camping are available at Hite.



Public Meetings

You are invited to attend one of the public meetings to be held on the Glen Canyon NRA Uplake DCP/EA.

The meetings will begin with a short presentation that will be repeated each hour, if appropriate. The public is then invited to view display stations highlighting various aspects of the project and study area. There will be a time of informal interaction with exhibits and opportunities to make written and verbal comments.

February 27, 2004

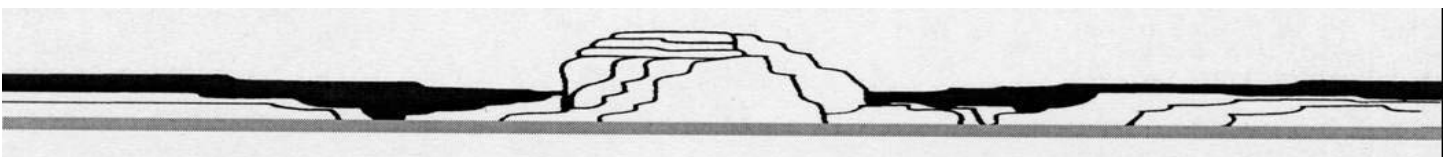
6:00 - 8:00 PM (local time)

Grand Junction City Hall
250 North 5th Street
Grand Junction, Colorado

February 28, 2004

12:00 - 2:00 PM (local time)

Lake Powell School
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area
Bullfrog, Utah



Overview of Process / Schedule

The overall planning process is anticipated to extend over a period of approximately 12 months. Project milestones include:

Project Initiation	December 2003
Data Collection and Studies	January - June 2004
Public Scoping Meetings	February 27 and 28, 2004
Scoping Period	February 1 through March 31, 2004
Public Review of Draft DCP/EA	Fall 2004
Completion of DCP/EA	Late Fall/Early Winter 2004

What does the scoping period mean? Scoping is done in the initial phase of a project to seek input from a variety of sources. The input is used to identify issues, areas requiring additional study, and topics that will be analyzed in the DCP/EA process. The scoping period is an opportunity for you to provide us with your suggestions, comments, and concerns regarding the Glen Canyon NRA uplake developed areas. Your comments will help to identify services, facilities, and infrastructure that will be evaluated in the DCP and potential environmental impacts associated with development.

Is scoping my only opportunity to comment on the DCP/EA? Once the draft DCP is developed, an EA is prepared and both documents will be made available for public review. Public comments will be collected for approximately 30 days.

Overall Objectives

The purpose of this DCP is to implement the objectives of the Glen Canyon NRA General Management Plan. Some of the broad objectives of the General Management Plan include:

- Manage the recreation area so that it provides maximal recreational enjoyment to the American public and their guests.
- Maximize the recreational experience and the number of opportunities for enjoying the recreation area.
- Provide the richest possible interpretive experience to visitors to the recreation area.
- Manage the recreation area within its legislatively imposed constraints.

In addition to the broad planning objectives for the area, other project objectives include:

- Preserve the quality of natural resources and recreational opportunities.
- Do not exceed land development allowances and established lake carrying capacities.
- Identify range of commercial, operational, and maintenance facilities appropriate to provide visitor opportunities and services at varying lake levels and access to shorelines.



BULLFROG MARINA - WET SLIPS AND BUOY FIELD



SILTATION AT HITE MARINA

We Want Your Comments!

Anyone interested in this planning effort is encouraged to visit the Glen Canyon NRA Web site at <http://www.nps.gov/glca/plan.htm>, which contains information on current project activities and links to project comment forms. Your comments can be e-mailed to:

glca_uplake_dcpea@nps.gov

Or you may send your written comments to:

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Please provide your comments to us no later than March 31, 2004